

Doug Newman Memorial Award Recipients

Year	Recipient(s)	Achievements
2022	Tony Hess	Tony Hess has been the inspirational leader and driving force behind creating Jacksonville's 1100-acre Forest Park, located 2 miles west of Jacksonville's Historic District. Tony championed efforts to partner with volunteers and the Jacksonville City Council to preserve the park and to lay out and build 45 miles of hiking and biking trails.
2021	Tom Kloster	Tom Kloster's lifetime as an advocate and trail building volunteer started in the early 1980's. Since then Tom has founded two critical trail advocacy and volunteer groups, Oregon Hikers and Trailkeepers of Oregon. Tom's efforts have been pivotal in maintaining the history of Oregon's trail legacy and inspiring countless numbers of people to improve and maintain trails across the state. Tom's early work includes building and repairing trails at Tryon Creek State Park and restoring trails that were being lost throughout the Mt. Hood National Forest, Columbia River Gorge, and Portland Metro area. Through collaborative efforts he then worked with land managers in the Gorge to adopt several new trails and connections into their management plans. In 2007 Tom co-founded Trailkeepers of Oregon, a non-profit dedicated to maintaining Oregon's trails with trained volunteer crews. Tom continues to advocate for partnerships with public land managers as our trails face dire threats from overuse, increased wildfires, and climate change. His dedication and contributions have only grown as volunteers are continually inspired by his leadership and the foundational trail community he has worked to establish.
2019	Becky Wolf	Becky has been active in Oregon's trails community for over 30 years, contributions including: former Director of Public Lands and Director of Leave No Trace Education for the Back Country Horsemen of Oregon (BCHO) and an active member of four regional BCHO chapters, contributing almost 5,000 hours of service; active member of Oregon Equestrian Trails; caretaker of a section of the Pacific Crest Trail in the Mt. Hood National Forest for 21 years and member of the Pacific Crest Trail Association's (PCTA's) planning committee; Food Coordinator and lead cook for the PCTA's annual Trail Skills college; longest serving board member for the Molalla River Watch and devoted advocate for the Molalla River Trail system; member of the Oregon Trails Coalition Board of Director; and former member of OPRD's Recreational Trails Program Grant Advisory Committee and Oregon Recreation Trails Advisory Council.
2018	Bruce Ronning	Bruce began his recreational career at the City of Eugene Parks Department in the Outdoor Programs section where he helped many Oregonians learn to ski, paddle, hike and bike. He retired from the Bend Park and Recreation District after 24 years serving as the Outdoor Programs Manager, Long Range Planner, and finally as the Director of Planning and Development. During that time 65 miles of the 95-mile Bend Urban Trails Plan were developed. Bruce also served OPRD and communities across Oregon as a member and leader of ORTAC, the Recreational Trails Program Grants Advisory Committee, Local Government Grant Advisory Committee, and review committees for the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans and Statewide Recreation Trails Plans.

2017	Steve Gulgren	Steve Gulgren, Tualatin Hill Park and Recreation District Superintendent of Design and Development, was awarded the 2017 Doug Newman Award for Lifetime Professional Achievement. Steve is a planner for Tualatin Hills PRD and led the planning, design and construction of more miles of new trail than any other individual in the Portland metropolitan region. His prolific portfolio of nearly 100 successful projects includes 13 new regional trail projects. Steve's work has improved the lives of hundreds of thousands of Oregon residents, and will continue to do so for generations to come. His leadership and statewide impact on trails is extensive and will last well beyond his active professional life. He worked to connect communities and educate the public as to why such actions are critical. He helped lay the groundwork that will outlive us all.
2016	Gary Chapman	Gary Chapman is the founder and president of the Corvallis to Sea Trail, a 501 c (3) non-profit organization. He reignited the concept of the Corvallis to Sea Trail in 2003 and has persevered to work with numerous private land managers and several public land managers to receive approval for a trail route and has begun to construct the few miles of trail needed.
2015	Ron Robinson	Ron was recognized for his leadership of volunteers over the last eleven years. He helped establish the High Cascade Forest Volunteers (HCFV), an organization that works closely with the US Forest Service to establish priorities for trail maintenance and construction; trains volunteers in all aspects of trail work, including safe tool use; and maintains records that FS requires and that help secure additional funding for trails. Ron from the beginning has had a vital role in the annual training weekends: planning, leading training sessions on crew leadership, and cooking breakfasts for a hundred attendees.
2014	Gary Maschmeyer & Glenn Kral	Gary and Glen were both recognized for their tireless work each spring and fall building and maintaining portions of the Oregon Coast Trail in Curry County. They were both a key party to developing the lower portion of the Rogue River Trail.
2013	John Mare'	Long before John Mare' came to Oregon he had begun his trail advocacy career. In Arizona he served on the Arizona State Recreational Trails Advisory Committee. When he arrived in Oregon in 2001, he began to become a champion for the Oregon Coast Trail. He developed a South Lincoln County Committee on Trails to bring land managers and trail advocates together to discuss issues and needs. He was instrumental in developing several trails in Waldport and founded the Waldport Walkers. John also founded the "Green Bikes" in Waldport, a communal bike system. John was an early supporter of the Kayak Shack, where Waldport High school students lead a kayak rental and kayak tour enterprise as part of their educational experience. He has served as a Port Commission and was a member of ORTAC for two terms.
2012	Joe Rykowski	Joe is a member of Northwest Trail Alliance, Westside Trail Federation, and Black Rock Mountain Bike Association (and, most likely, many more). Joe lives on the west side of Portland and continually advocates for building opportunities for mountain bikers in his area and beyond. Joe lived in Salem for several years and "cut his teeth" with Black Rock Mountain Association. He saw what a positive impact act recreational development can do to the community through his work with BRMBA and to wanted continue that impact to Washington County when he moved there in 2006. Joe developed the Trail Partnership Program with the Northwest Trails Alliance allowing equipment and training impact numerous trails. He helped develop a mountain bike trail system at LL Stub Stewart State Park that included a proposal, developing a risk management plan and coordinated with the land manager to meet all of their needs.

2011	Art Carroll	Art Carroll has assisted the development of multiple trails throughout the Columbia River Gorge. As the Area Manager for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Art worked to enhance and develop the Historic Columbia River Highway and re-developing sections as a trail. Art has contributed thousands of hours to developing trails in the City of Hood River. He has negotiated with land owners, engaged local businesses, planned and designed trails, help build and maintain them.
2010	Ernie Drapela	Ernie has been a tireless advocate for a wide variety of significant trail planning efforts across the state. He has promoted the Oregon Coast Trail plan from the time it was originally conceived by Samuel Dickens and with the state parks coast trail feasibility studies in 1969 and 1972. He helped with the legislation establishing the state trails program in 1971. He led the effort to designate the first Oregon Scenic and Regional Trails. He worked with Russ Pengelly and others to plan and advocate for the Oregon Desert Trail. While serving as Eugene Recreation Department Director he helped conceive of what has become the extensive trail system along the Willamette River and for the Eugene to Pacific Crest Trail connection. In the early 1990s as Executive Director of the Bend Park and Recreation District, he promoted the vision for a continuous trail along the Deschutes River. Ernie continues to be active in trail development and promotion most recently working on the Columbia River Historic Highway and trail initiatives.
2009	Karen & John Poole	Since 2002, Karen and John Poole have adopted over 18 miles of trails in the Lake of the Woods area of the Southern Oregon Cascades. At an elevation of over 5000 feet, with the trail traversing dense fir and pine forests and heavy use, the work is constant throughout all of the snow free months. There work has kept these trails open to hikers, bikers and equestrians in the summer months and cross-country skiers and snowmobiles in the winter months.
2008	Klindt Vielbig	Klindt Vielbig provided leadership for fifty some years he has been a leader, advocate and developer of cross country skiing and ski trails throughout the Oregon Cascades, Mt St Helens and SW Washington. He is the author of the definitive guide book and maps to cross country ski trails in Oregon, but he has been more than just an author.
2006	Tom Gibbons	Recognized for his work with Nordic Ski development at Mt. Hood and in Central Oregon.
2005	Jack Remington	Jack Remington is the "father of the Oregon Recreation Trails Program," serving as OPRD's first Statewide Trails Coordinator. He wrote the first trail system plan and which has been the core of all future trails planning in Oregon. Jack wrote a book on Mountain Biking in Oregon and a book on hiking the Oregon Coast Trail.
2003	Al Lepage	Recognized for his work on the Oregon Coast Trail.
2002	Curtis Hardie	Curtis served as former board member for the Pacific Crest Trail Association and trail volunteer in central Oregon.
2001	Art & Maureen Sevigny	Recognized for their work on the OC&E Woods Line State Trail, Art and Maureen developed relationships with land managers, provided maintenance to the trails trail, planned events, and wrote grants for the trail.
2000	Terry Wheeler	Recognized for his work on trail planning and trail building projects statewide and volunteer commitment for Oregon Equestrian Trails.

1997	Mel Huie	Mel was nominated for his instrumental planning and implementation of a regional trail system in the Portland metro area.
1997	Barbara Walker	Recognized for her leadership with the 40 Mile Loop Trail, numerous Portland area projects, and public service efforts to preserve urban green spaces.
1996	Betty Anderson	Nominated for her effort in rallying support for grant funding for the OC&E State Trail when funding was in jeopardy.
1995	Mark Flint	Mark was recognized for his work designing and building trails, mountain bike advocacy, and leadership with initial development of the Upper Molalla River Corridor Trails.
1994	Lolly Skillman	Trail advocate Lolly Skillman co-authored the books <i>25 Hikes along the Pacific Trail</i> and <i>Pedaling Across America</i> , and also served on the board of the Pacific Crest Trail Association.
1993	Walt Schroeder	Walt Schroeder of Gold Beach is an early Oregon Coast Trail advocate who organized volunteers to build initial segments of the trail in Curry County. He was also recognized for other work in Curry County including work on the Lower Rogue River Trail.